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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Preliminary to Examination, please amend the above-identified application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

60. A method of controlling the operating speed of a papermaking facility comprising

the steps of:

determining a desired operating speed;

the desired operating speed dependent on at least one economic variable that varies

depending on the operating speed;

determining a current operating speed;

said desired operating speed being different than said current operating speed;

adjusting said operating speed based on said desired operating speed.

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